

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EDA) DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING (CDH)

CONSOLIDATED HUD COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (CPD) GRANTS PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

The purpose of this notice is to **solicit applications** for the County of San Bernardino's 2014-2015 **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Fair Housing (FH), Tenant Landlord Mediation (TLM) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)** programs in order to assist in meeting an element of the Countywide Vision for sustainable infrastructures and housing opportunities as adopted by the County Board of Supervisors and SANBAG on June 30, 2011. The County is now initiating its efforts to plan the 2014-2015 Program Year, which will be the fifth year of the County's 2010-2015 five-year Consolidated Plan. The County has been designated by HUD to administer the 2014-2015 CDBG and ESG programs for the County unincorporated communities and the following twelve (12) cooperating cities*: Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa and the Town of Yucca Valley. *It is anticipated that the City of Redlands will become a cooperating city and therefore are included in this NOFA.

CDBG, ESG, FAIR HOUSING AND TENANT LANDLORD MEDIATION PROGRAMS BACKGROUND

It is anticipated that the County will receive approximately \$6.1 million of **CDBG** funds and approximately \$400,000 of program income during the program year beginning July 1, 2014. The County's CDBG program can fund eligible housing, community development activities and FH and TLM programs. Entities requesting **ESG** funding, as well those applying for funds for **FH and/or TLM** services, will be selected through a competitive process as described within their respective applications. It is anticipated that the County will receive approximately \$400,000 of **ESG funds** for the program year beginning on July 1, 2014. These programs are limited by the available amount of funds in unincorporated portions of the County and in the twelve (12) cooperating cities* listed above. The cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Hesperia, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, Victorville and the Town of Apple Valley receive their own entitlement grants from HUD and conduct their own programs within their corporate boundaries, separate from the County's programs. Applications for projects/services within these cities should be directed toward their respective community development departments.

Eligible activities for CDBG funding must meet one of the following national objectives: 1) principally benefiting low-and moderate-income persons, 2) eliminating slums and blight, and 3) meeting an urgent need. The types of projects and programs which may be considered for funding, subject to national objectives compliance, are summarized as follows: Acquisition or disposition of real property, construction and rehabilitation of publicly owned facilities, handicapped accessibility improvements to public and privately owned buildings, infrastructure improvements to include sidewalks, street, drainage, water and sewer systems. Also included are rehabilitation of public or privately owned housing for low- and moderate-income households, demolition and clearance to abate health hazards, public services that are new or expanding and are directed toward meeting a community service need (no more than 15% of the County's CDBG funds can be utilized each year for public service programs) and interim assistance or temporary help to alleviate harmful or dangerous conditions. **CDBG sub-recipients must be public or private non-profit organizations.**

The County is also seeking applications from experienced and qualified entities to provide FH **and/or** TLM services in the County unincorporated communities and the twelve (12) cooperating cities* listed above. Eligible activities are listed in the application and application instruction.

The County is seeking applications from entities that have experience and are qualified to provide services that are eligible for ESG funding. The purpose of the ESG program is to assist individuals and families to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. Eligible activities for ESG funds are; street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and data collection through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS/APPLICATIONS FOR CDBG, FH, TLM and ESG

At this time, EDA is accepting CDBG, FH, TLM, and ESG applications for the 2014-2015 program year. There are different application forms and associated instructions for the various applications, all of which are available from the following address and phone number: County of San Bernardino Economic Development Agency, Department of Community Development and Housing; 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Third Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0043; Telephone (909) 387-4705. These application forms and instructions can also be accessed on EDA's Web site at www.sbcountyadvantage.com/community-development-information.aspx.

The deadline for submitting applications is **Tuesday December 3rd, 2013** no later than 4:00 p.m.